

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA COMMON COUNCIL

OCTOBER 6, 2015

6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Common Council of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pro-Tem, Bob Bridges, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: The Pledge to the Flag was recited by those present.

PRAYER: Councilman Berkemeier led those present in prayer.

ROLL CALL: Council members, Bob Bridges, Brian Conner, Craig Smith, Brad Berkemeier, and Brian Sheehan answered roll call. Student Advisor, Makayla Herbert, was not present. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, and Kate Thurston, *Rushville Republican*.

PUBLIC HEARING WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION: Bridges opened the public hearing for the Workforce Development application grant. Deb Lilly said this is to provide training in the community. We are partnering with Rush County, Henry County, Fayette County, and Wayne County. We are asking for \$250,000.00 and are hoping to train as least 75 people, with 51% of those being low to moderate income. There is a 20% match. The application is due by October 23rd.

Also present were Cory Murphy from Henry County and Carolyn Bunzendahl for Rush County ECDC.

Comments or Questions: Berkemeier asked if there was some sort of agreement between the agencies. Bridges said the City is the applicant.

Smith asked about the types of training and the skill types? Bunzendahl said they are specifically working with employers and what type of training they need. Murphy said training is for both unemployed and incumbent workers.

Bridges asked where the training will take place. Bunzendahl said it would be at a variety of places.

Conner made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC HEARING 2016 BUDGET: Bridges asked for questions or comments regarding the 2016 budget. There were none. Conner made a motion to close the public hearing. Berkemeier seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Berkemeier moved to approve the minutes of the September 15 meeting as presented. Sheehan seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Bridges reported the following:

1. Attended a meeting on the pool on September 16th.
2. Attended the utility board meeting.
3. The third session of HCI, "Strategic Directions" was held September 17.
4. Met with Martin Riley to discuss design September 18.
5. Wilkie Days and Homecoming festivities were held September 17-19.
6. The last concert had the largest crowd to date.
7. Met with Andrea Langil from BFS on 16th Street September 21.
8. The fourth session of HCI "Selecting a Strategic Option" was held on the 24th.
9. The ECDC job fair was a huge success.
10. Attended a stellar team meeting on October 2nd.
11. Rush Shelby Energy will sponsor a work day at the Princess Theater on 9th.
12. HCI session #5 "Launching the Building Block Program will be on the 13th.
13. The Board of Works will hold an executive session October 13th.
14. There will be a press conference at the City Center October 16th at 11:00 a.m.
15. Thanks to the Street and Police Departments for helping out with the Edward Jones bike ride for cancer.
16. Thanks to the Street Department for helping set up for the ECDC job fair.
17. Trying to schedule a date for the Council/Board of Works retreat.
18. Working on the Aspen Drive parking issue.
19. 16th St lights are being installed.
20. The retention pond is complete.
21. We are in the early design stage for the Princess Theater.
22. The subgrade is in place for the Farmers Market, and the compaction is done.

CLERK-TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk-Treasurer Copley asked Council to consider transfer Resolution 2015-15 transferring monies in the Board of Works budget. Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-15. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Bridges said he has received concerns regarding the parking on Harrison Street causing congestion. Bridges suggested that the Police and Fire Departments discuss with their employees to see if they are finding a problem in the area between 5th and 8th on Harrison. Councilman Conner and Fire Chief Jenkins thought some of the problem may be coming from the 52 construction project. Council agreed to revisit the issue after construction is completed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Amphitheater/Park Board** – Sheehan said attendance was up this year.
- **Marketing** – Waiting on feedback.

- **APC/BZA** – Council was instructed to review the documents and if there are any questions to contact the Mayor.
- **City Center** – Martin Riley is meeting with the Mayor and looking at numbers and layout. Sheehan said they received a donation from an out of town person for \$2,500.00, along with a \$2,500.00 match.
- **Cherry Street Extension** – Nothing to report.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Police – Chief Tucker said trick or treating will be October 31st from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Tucker said they have had instances where people are moving barricades on the 52 project. This is causing traffic issues. He has placed additional patrol in the area.

Fire – Chief Jenkins handed out month end and year-to-date reports.

Street – Commissioner Miller said they used 24 dumpsters for heavy trash. 31 dumpsters were used in the spring.

Monday Crim will be grinding Harrison Street from 4th to 11th Streets. They will pave Tuesday.

Tomorrow there will be a meeting for volunteers for the haunted trail at 6:00 p.m. at the Mathews Shelter.

The haunted trail will be October 24 and 30.

Park – Park Program Director Gurley said he met with the Clerk-Treasurer and the Mayor to discuss the budget.

He and Chief Tucker will present a Halloween safety program to the RES students.

He will be assisting the Street Department with the hayride.

The Halloween parade will be October 31st at the root building. Line- up is at 3:00 and judging will be at 4:00.

Provided survey results to Council. There were a total of 223 surveys received. They will be meeting with Keiser Consulting next week.

Animal – Moran informed Council that the Board of Works hired Chris Jones for part time employment. The revised hours at the Shelter are Moran working from 6:30-2:30; Herbert will work from 8:00-4:00. There will be a volunteer taking after hour appointments by request.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Trailer Court South of Town Drainage** – The grant application was submitted on the 25th. The announcement will probably be sometime in December.
2. **16th Street Drainage** – Discussed.
3. **Flatrock Retention** – Complete.
4. **Waggoner Pool Year-End Closeout** – On schedule.
5. **Animal Quarantine Fees** – Still discussing tags and chips.
6. **APC/BZA Status** – The work is progressing. Council suggested they may want to advertise for their appointments to the boards. Bridges said he will email the Mayor and attorney regarding appointments.
7. **Executive and Capital Planning Retreat** – Trying to schedule a date.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Resolution 2015-14 Submittal of WDP Application** – Berkemeier made a motion to approve Resolution 2015-14. Conner seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **2016 Budget Questions** – None.

CLAIMS: Smith made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Berkemeier seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT KNOWN IN ADVANCE: Councilman Smith said he spoke to a utility board member regarding getting their budget in line with the city's budget as far as approval dates. Council agreed that this would be helpful. Smith said he would draft a letter to the utility board with this request.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before Council; Sheehan made a motion to adjourn. Conner seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.